



## DELRIDGE PARKS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Brandon Court

### Comments received during community meeting:

#### Opportunities and Constraints Map

1. Alleys between Delridge and 25<sup>th</sup> and between 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> dead-end to the north, therefore they need to remain accessible from 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Avenues.
2. 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a site for drug sales and the design should open up sightlines for police patrols and to deter unwanted activity.
3. 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW is used as a shortcut, has high traffic volumes, and could use some additional traffic calming measures.
4. Brandon St. traffic volumes are like an arterial – especially once High Point re-opens.
5. Greg Davis Park suffers from vandalism of picnic benches, signs, trees, and cars driving on grass lawn. Bollards and/or a curb is needed along Brandon St to deter cars.
6. Greg Davis lawn is overwatered and/or doesn't drain well.
7. Many volunteer hours have gone into the plantings and design of Greg Davis and any changes should respect that work.
8. Existing large evergreen trees in Brandon Minipark should be preserved if possible.
9. P-patch gardens have experienced theft and vandalism and the site should be fenced.
10. A new and larger shed for the p-patch is desired.
11. Church has a revocable permit to park on Puget Boulevard. They would like to continue to have up to 20 parking spaces.
12. There are several nearby basketball courts for teen and adult use, so not really necessary here.
13. Neighbors would like a buffered edge.
14. Skateboarding and playground activities are welcome as long as they are scaled for neighborhood use and not so elaborate they draw a regional crowd.
15. Could have play features designed like insects or animals to accent habitat idea.

#### Conceptual Ideas

**“Trilogy”**- three distinct civic rooms: great lawn at Delridge, relocated p-patch with playground, skateboard and half-court basketball set back from sidewalk.

##### Comments:

1. P-patch should not be relocated—not a good use of funds.
2. Delridge Way is busy and noisy and better suited for noisy teen activities than for young children's play or adults / parents having conversations or wanting to relax.
3. Playground elements could have a Longfellow Creek theme similar to Carkeek Park.
4. Noisy teen activities should be positioned away from the majority of single family homes.

5. Create visual connection to Legacy Trail gateway on Brandon.

**“Spine”**- greening the urban grid: central walkway along Puget Boulevard intersects with sidewalk along 26<sup>th</sup> Ave, alleys define blocks of separate uses.

Comments:

1. Restrict access to p-patch to limit vandalism. Public path should not go through the P-patch.
2. Maintain 10 foot wide grass buffer between P-patch and neighbors property.
3. Maintain access to alleys.
4. Add sitting structure and/or shed to P-patch.
5. P-patch doesn't need to expand. Could be playfield across 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.
6. Retain large evergreen tree(s) in Brandon minipark.
7. Buffer neighbors from play field with plantings.
8. Include drinking fountain.
9. Include full size basketball court.
10. 26<sup>th</sup> Ave needs bike path, sidewalk, parking.
11. Include raingarden in this plan.
12. See Bradner p-patch/playground for example and design ideas.

**“Arc”**- necklace of celebratory spaces: unifying pathway links plaza, playground, p-patch, raingarden, large event plaza and grassy hill with overlook. Puget Boulevard built as one-way street from Delridge through to 26<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Comments:

1. No street connection to Delridge Way. Through-traffic not desirable.
2. Leave P-patch in current location.
3. Orchard opposite p-patch across 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.
4. Keep “raingarden” stormwater treatment concept.
5. Meditation/Labyrinth idea could be integrated into “raingarden”
6. Add “speed tables” opposite large plaza to slow traffic on 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. and link to Greg Davis.
7. Improve traffic circle at Brandon and 26<sup>th</sup>.
8. Provide open sightlines along 26<sup>th</sup> for safety.
9. Retain large trees near Brandon.
10. Bollard pedestrian lighting along arc pathway.
11. Provide power connection in event plaza.

**Meeting Summary and direction for design consultants:**

1. Keep the P-patch in its current location
2. Maintain alley access since they dead-end to the north
3. No through access from Delridge
4. Provide some space for the church to continue have parking close to church
5. Active play elements should be near Delridge
6. Provide visual link to / reminder of Longfellow Creek
7. Buffer edge of Brandon and alley east of park
8. Retain existing large trees where possible
9. Include “raingarden” stormwater infiltration and educational area

#### 10. Create multi-use plaza for events and informal, neighborhood kids' basketball

Other: Suzanne Wietting, Community Liaison at Fairfax Hospital presented an idea for a "recovery garden." The King County Alcohol Substance Abuse Advisory Board is interested in working with Parks and the community to add a green space for meditation, celebration and recognition for those in the recovery process. It might include benches, perhaps a stone walkway or meditation labyrinth with sponsored bricks donated in celebration of friends and family members successes. It could also include a wall with inspirational sayings that might provide solace and encouragement for those engaged in the recovery process. They hope to do this as the first of many such parks, city, county, state and country wide.